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TAGS: PFOR, ET, UN

SUBJECT: ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT: REPORTED REQUEST BY  
CHRISTIANS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM UN AND WORLD  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

COLIN LEGUM, WELL-KNOWN BRITISH JOURNALIST, IN RESTRICTED  
TALK (SOURCES OF WHAT IS SAID MUST NOT BE REVEALED) AT  
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES ON OCTOBER  
16, SAID "IN CONFIDENCE" THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY CER-  
TAIN CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS IN THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT  
(WHOM HE DID NOT NAME) TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF ERITREA WITH  
LEADERS OF UN AND WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. ACCORDING  
TO LEGUM, CHRISTIANS IN BOTH FACTIONS OF ELF ARE APPRE-  
HENSIVE OF MUSLEM DOMINATION OF FRONT AND BELIEVE THAT  
ACTIVE INTEREST ON PART OF THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IS  
ONLY WAY TO PROTECT CHRISTIANS' INTERESTS. LEGUM SAID  
HE WOULD MAKE APPROACHES TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.

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